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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Uwe Bünte

Applic. No. : 09/597,351

Filed : June 19, 2000

Title : Configuration for Separating Cavities

Examiner : Michael Safavi

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Sir :

Responsive to the non-final Office action dated June 5, 2002,

kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (twice amended). A configuration for separating cavities for sealing or sound-proofing, comprising:

a heat-expansible element constructed as a contoured ring-like plate;

a retaining device to be positioned in a cross-sectional region of a cavity, said retaining device having two